Iohn Men of al sorts take a pride to gird at me: the braine of this foolish compoũded clay-man is not able to inuent any thing that intends to laughter, more then I inuent, or is inuẽted on me, I am not only witty in my selfe, but the cause that wit is in other men. I do here walk before thee, like a sow that hath ouerwhelmd al her litter but one, if the prince put thee into my seruice for any other reason then to sett me off, why then I haue no iudgement, thou horeson mandrake, thou art fitter to be worne in my cap, then to wait at my heels I was neuer manned with an agot till now, but I wil in-set you, neither in golde nor siluer, but in vile apparell, and send you backe againe to your master for a iewell, the iuuenall the prince your master, whose chin is not yet fledge, I will sooner haue a beard grow in the palme of my hand, then he shal get one off his cheek, & yet he will not sticke to say his face is a face royal, God may finish it when he will, tis not a haire amisse yet, he may keepe it still at a face royall, for a barber shall neuer earne sixpence out of it, and yet heele be crowing as if he had writte man euer since his father was a batcheler, he may keepe his owne grace, but hees almost out of mine I can assure him: what said master Dommelton. about the sattin for my short cloake and my sloppes?

Boy He said sir, you should procure him better assurance then Bardolfe, he would not take his band and yours, he liked not the securitie.

sir Iohn Let him be damn'd like the glutton, pray God his tongue be hotter, a horeson Achitophell a rascall: yea forsooth knaue, to beare a gentle man in hand, and then stand vpon security, the horson smoothy-pates doe now weare nothing but hie shooes and bunches of keyes at their girdles, and if a man is through with them in honest taking vp, then they must stand vppon security, I had as liue they would put ratsbane in my mouth as offer to stop it with security, I lookt a should haue sent me two and twenty yards of sattin (as I am a true knight,) and he sends me security: well he may sleepe in security, for he hath the horne of aboundance, and the lightnesse of his wife shines

shines through it: wheres Bardolf, & yet can not he see though he haue his owne lanthorne to light him.

Boy Hees gone in Smithfield to buy your worship a horse.

sir Iohn I bought him in Paules, and heele buy me a horse in Smithfield, and I could get me but a wife in the stewes, I were man'd, horsde, and wiu'd.

Enter Lord chiefe Iustice.

Boy Sir, here comes the noble man that committed the prince for striking him about Bardolfe.

sir Iohn Wait close, I will not see him.

Iustice Whats hee that goes there?

seru. Falstaffe, and't please your lordship.

Iust. He that was in question for the rob'ry?

seru. He my Lord, but he hath since done good seruice at Shrewsbury, & (as I heare,) is now going with some charge to the lord Iohn of Lancaster.

Iust. What to Yorke? call him backe againe.

seru. Sir Iohn Falstaffe.

Iohn Boy, tell him I am deafe.

Boy You must speake lowder, my master is deafe.

Iust. I am sure he is to the hearing of any thing good, goe plucke him by the elbow, I must speake with him.

seru. Sir Iohn?

Falst. What? a yong knaue and begging? is there not wars? is there not employment? doth not the King lacke subiects? do not the rebels need souldiers, though it be a shame to be on any side but one, it is worse shame to beg then to be on the worst side, were it worse then the name of Rebellion can tell how to make it.

seru. You mistake me sir.

Iohn Why sir, did I say you were an honest man, setting my knighthood and my souldiership aside, I had lied in my throat if I had said so.

seru. I pray you sir then set your knighthood, and your soldiership aside, and giue me leaue to tell you, you lie in your throate, if you say I am any other then an honest man.

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